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SUBJ: VISIT OF CODEL EILBERG

1. CODEL EILBERG, INCLUDING JOSHUA EILBERG OF PENNSYLVANIA, CARLOS MOORHEAD OF CALIFORNIA AND TOM RAILSBACK OF ILLINOIS, VISITED SYDNEY FROM AUGUST 7 TO 9. THE VISIT APPEARED TO US TO BE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL. COMPREHENSIVE BRIEFINGS WERE PROVIDED AT THE CONSULATE GENERAL. THEREAFTER CODEL WAS RECEIVED BY THE ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE AUSTRALIAN HIGH COURT, JUSTICE MCTIERNAN, AND SEVERAL OF HIS COLLEAGUES, INCLUDING JUSTICE MURPHY, FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL. CONVERSATIONS WERE FRANK AND INFORMAL, COVERING A BROAD RANGE OF LEGAL/CONSTITUTIONAL SUBJECTS INCLUDING AUSTRALIAN QUESTIONS ON U.S. IMPEACHMENT PROCESS. IN ADDITION, CODEL MET PREMIER OF NEW SOUTH WALES TOM LEWIS, MINISTER OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY HEWITT AND OTHER POLITICAL, BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS IN SYDNEY.

2. CODEL MANIFESTED GREAT INTEREST IN PROBLEMS OF IMMIGRATION BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND UNITED STATES AND WERE APPROPRIATELY BRIEFED ON THE SUBJECT. CODEL WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN VIETNAMESE REFUGEES OF WHOM THERE WERE ONLY A FEW IN NEW SOUTH WALES WHO MAY AT SOME POINT BE ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE INTO THE UNITED STATES. IN THIS CONNECTION CODEL WAS INTERESTED IN THE AUSTRALIAN REACTION AND PERFORMANCE WITH RESPECT TO VIETNAMESE REFUGEES AND WAS BRIEFED ON THAT INSOFAR AS INFORMATION UNCLASSIFIED

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